

**MINUTES**  
**GAMING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*October 22, 2004*  
*Wingate Inn*  
*Missoula, Montana*

Please note: This is a summary of the Council meeting. The meeting in its entirety is on tape at the Gambling Control Division office at 2550 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana. Exhibits are on file in the office of the Gambling Control Division.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sen. Dale Mahlum, Chairman  
Bill Thomas  
Pam Kennedy  
Nick Murnion

John Tooke, Vice-Chairman  
Kevin Howlett  
Rep. John Witt  
Tim Carson

**DIVISION STAFF PRESENT**

Gene Huntington  
Rick Ask

Ben Kamerzel  
Cregg Coughlin

**SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTION**

- ◆ The Council heard a report by the Audit /Penalty Committee.
- ♠ A motion passed unanimously to approve the Council's biennial report and to authorize the Chairman to approve the final report.
- ♣ A motion passed unanimously to proceed with the all the proposed legislation as amended.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Mahlum called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All members were present except for Steve Morris, who was excused. The minutes from the June 23, 2004 meeting were adopted unanimously.

**REPORT FROM AUDIT/PENALTY COMMITTEE**

Rep. Witt presented the audit/penalty committee report. The committee's recommendations included: review the notices used by the Division for notice of violations and assessing penalties; provide more training to operators including a refresher course; continue the audit/penalty committee; and the need to review the examples of problems for documentation and determine the facts with MTA and GIA representatives.

Bill Thomas commented on the need to develop a system that will improve public confidence.

### **REVIEW DRAFT BIENNIAL REPORT**

Sen. Mahlum presented the Council's biennial report. After a brief discussion, Tim Carson moved to approve the report and to authorize the Chairman to approve the final report. The motion was seconded by Pam Kennedy and passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATION BY NORTHERN VENDING**

Stuart Howell and Bodil Lanius of Northern Vending provided a presentation on the Coin Connexion slot accounting system that is used by Northern Vending.

The presentation led into a discussion of the plans of the Division related to web entry permitting and tax reporting.

### **LEGISLATION**

Gene Huntington presented the proposed legislation: 1) a general revision bill to provide for private video gambling machine testing facilities to be licensed as manufacturers; to provide for the display of antique slot machines by persons licensed to sell antique slot machines; to provide for remedies to pursue violations by licensees following the expiration of a license or a permit; to provide a procedure for forfeiture of seized evidence in gambling cases; to provide for multiple winning patterns for the game of bingo; to provide for "Bonus Games" for video gambling machines; and to authorize additional poker games for video gambling machines. 2) A bill delegating authority to the Governor to negotiate and execute certain Class III gaming Compacts with Montana's Indian Tribes. 3) A bill to define Internet Gambling as an illegal gambling enterprise. 4) A bill to Amend Requirements for an Automated Accounting and Reporting System.

Following the presentation the Council voted to recommend all legislation with the following changes. In the general revision bill the language on information to be displayed for bonus games should be changed to not include the phrase about calculations. The legislation to update the automated accounting and reporting system should be checked to remove the term "connected."

A motion to recommend the legislation as amended was made by Kevin Howlett and seconded by John Tooke. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FINAL BUSINESS**

**The next meeting will tentatively be held after the legislative session.**